

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01721-EGS**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE et al
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/24/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/24/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5601820) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Defense, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. Department of Homeland Security, # <u>6</u> Summons U.S. Department of State)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zsth) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/25/2018	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 07/25/18. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
08/02/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua L. Rogers on behalf of All Defendants (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 08/02/2018)
08/03/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/30/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/29/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/31/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. All Defendants (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 08/03/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Answer)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> defendants' consent motion for extension of time to file answer. Defendants' answer is hereby deemed filed. Government counsel is reminded of the obligation, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(c), to provide a proposed order with each motion and opposition. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/31/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
10/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than November 2, 2018. The parties joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiffs FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay

		is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/2/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 11/2/2018. (mac) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
11/02/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) Modified event title on 11/6/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>8</u> the parties' joint proposed schedule, the parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than January 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/7/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/07/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/30/2019. (mac) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
01/25/2019	<u>2</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
01/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER denying motion to stay and granting extension to file joint status report. The parties are directed to file a joint status report with a recommendation for further proceedings by no later than February 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/25/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
01/28/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/18/2019. (mac) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/15/2019	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
02/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> defendant's motion for extension of time. The parties are directed to file a joint status report with a recommendation for further proceedings by no later than February 25, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/19/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/25/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
02/22/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Diana Viggiano Valdivia on behalf of All Defendants (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 02/22/2019)